

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Superior Court was convened, Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 10:05 a.m., Conference Room 107, Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Jim Bruner, Chair	Jason Hathcock, Board Member	Lu McLendon, Secretary
Kevin Kluge, Board Member	Mark Smalley, Board Member	Leticia Chavez, Recorder
Phil Hanley, Board Member	Hannah Auckland, Attorney	AVTranz (Court Reporter)

Absent:

Michael Anthony, Board Attorney

Also Present: Niki O’Keeffe

Thomas Griffin, Attorney

Applicant #09-03

Call to Order

Local Board Chair, Jim Bruner, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Approval of the Minutes

- a. January 20, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes

The Chair called for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Board member Jason Hathcock noted that the motion numbers from the January 20, 2011 meeting should reflect 2011

MOTION: A motion for approval of the January 20, 2011 Public Minutes with correction to the motion numbers was made by J. Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously minutes stand approved. **CORP 2011-06**

Disability – The Local Board may go into Executive Session for discussion of medical documentation and to receive legal advice for the following Disability pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 (A) (2 & 3).

- a. #09-03 – Accidental Disability

At its November 18, 2010 meeting the Board voted to refer applicant 09-03 to a new Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) doctor to have a second IME preformed. This decision was based on an agreement reached by the applicants Attorney and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). The agreement was that PSPRS would waive the applicant’s timeframe to file an appeal and have the applicants Attorney requests on the applicant’s behalf the Board refer the applicant for a second IME. The CORP Office received the second completed IME performed by Dr. Bowman, December 16, 2010 and brought it before the Board February 24, 2011.

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The Board acknowledged the presence of attorney Mr. Thomas Griffin representing applicant 09-03. Mr. Griffin was invited to address the Board as was applicant 09-03; Mr. Griffin informed the Board that after his review of both IME's he feels the second IME performed by Dr. Bowman contains material inaccuracies and asked applicant 09-03 to speak to those inaccuracies. Applicant 09-03 address the Board and clarified a statement made by Dr. Bowman which states she partook in "metal sculpturing" however the applicant stated she made small jewelry and due to the delicate nature of the work it would have not contributed to her current condition.

Chair called for motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S.38-431 (A) (2 & 3).

PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED 10:37 a.m.

The Board determined that the two IME's gave conflicting information with regards to the applicant's injury and specifically felt the second IME performed by Dr. Bowman contains factual inaccuracies. However, since the only question that remained after the first IME performed by Dr. Tseng was if the applicant's condition was permanent and Dr. Bowman's IME clearly states it is a permanent condition the Board feels the applicant is entitled to an accidentally disability benefit.

MOTION: A motion to approve case 09-03 for an accidentally disability benefit was made by P. Hanley. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2011-07**

Approval of Normal Retirement – The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of Normal Retirement benefits for the following applications or defer decision to a later date.

- a. Michael Colwell
- b. Debra Olsen
- c. Michael Olson
- d. Rebecca Ruiz
- e. John Ryder

MOTION: A motion to approve payment of benefits, for applications (a-e) for Normal Retirement was made by K.Kluge. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2011-08**

Approval of Membership – The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of the following requests for membership or defer decision to a later date.

- a. Othoniel Cornelio (01/03/2011) – Mohave
- b. Amadou Dione (01/03/2011) – Mohave
- c. Michael Santos (01/03/2011) – Mohave
- d. Cindy Wolford (01/03/2011) – Mohave

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Hathcock to approve the (4) employees requesting membership into CORP. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2011-09**

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General Discussion

a. PSPRS Retirement Application

The CORP Office received new information from the Board of Trustees regarding the timeframe in which retiree benefits are to be approved by the Board. The information in the November/December 2010 Newsletter released by PSPRS states that all benefit amounts must be board approved before the 10th of every month. In response to this new information the CORP office has updated its policy on when a request for retirement must be submitted; all requests must be received 60 days prior to the date of retirement. Should a request be received less than 60 days prior to retirement the retiree's pension check will be delayed one month. This information has been posted on the CORP website, emailed those members who signed to receive email updates and to all county HR Chiefs and Directors. The Board also adjusted their meeting dates to comply with the new PSPRS policy, the new meeting schedule is as follows.

March 8, 2011 10am

April 7, 2011 10am

May 5, 2011 10am

June 8, 2011 10am

July 6, 2011 10am

b. Board of Trustees Legislative Agenda

The Board of Trustees Legislative Agenda was distributed to Board members for review.

Call to Public

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